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To: House Health Policy Committee
Regarding: House Bill 4403

My name is Patricia A. Krukowski. I am a Surgical Technology student at Baker College of Flint. I am attending this hearing in support of House Bill number 4403. Currently, there are many perspectives of support on this issue. One focus remains constant and that is we are all here to protect the dedication and pride we have as being Surgical Technologists.

Our course of studies involves multiple classes in health sciences and surgical procedures. Education does not end there as we enter clinical sites or employment to strengthen our sterile technique. Communication is greatest with the surgeon as we are involved directly with the procedure in the operating room.

I have witnessed nurses and “on the job” training try to replace what I have learned and earned in an ACCREDITED EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY BY THE LIAISON COUNCIL ON CERTIFICATION FOR THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST. By requiring certification, we can protect the patients of our society and the health care setting by offering highly qualified and knowledgeable surgical technologists.

I am petitioning for the fulfillment of this issue. To mandate certification would offer our undeclared profession safety in the future for ourselves and our patients.

Sincerely,

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